9/16/69

Dear Gary,

I return herewith the Jasper 9/5 letter, enclosed with yours of 9/12/ Under the circumstances, I'd say it is at least as good a letter as we had any right to expect, probably better. They are afraid, no more, no less. He saw enough, understands enough. His is a correct observation, of course, and I was pointed with him about the former friends and staffers of the victims. But if they do come, as events may inspire - we do not knowwhat will happen when - I'll give them a few comprehensible things they can, I think safely, do something about. Meanwhile, I made a pretty broad hint he might talk to Teddy's man, who he knows. Yours is a very good letter....Nader has no listed phone. I've tried to get Bud to try and reach him, waiting until I was in a position to do him what amounts to a favor.

Strep throat seems to be going aroubd, Paul just had one.

Shaw/Penthouse: I do not recall when Nagy was where or ceased to be. But all of this talk is of one organization. Without looking it up, I think I recall a second.

Did I not indicate to Mary the possibility that because of her outspoke nness she might not have been given the full anti-me treatment. Thought I had. Right or wrong, it is best for her to be aware, however she interprets it. Or me. However you address this, tactfully or otherwise, it is important she be able to properly evaluate those strange people. She may be takinf their words, believing them dependable, thorough, etc.

I feel the best cure for the anxiety is curing its causes. This is not easy, given some of our tensions, and more difficult when I do not know which may be causative. I sahre your low opinion of shrinks. Every one I've ever met impressed me as a guy who took that specialty to dave fees. I suppose best of all would be a long vacation. However, I am trying to rest longer, usually succeeding, and I do spend part of every day otherwise occupied. I spent an hour, working up a good sweat, mutting weeds and pulling honeysuckle, then, later, took a short dip (the water was chilling, so cold). I've been trying to avoid the equanil, but I wonder if it is good idea. And, I do a few calisthenics on arising and retiring, if only to keep the stiffening members a bit more supple. I do not overdo this.

On the slides: none from Fink's book, which will show screen on projection. When you can from neg. fine. No rush.

Given the nature of the detective business, it is not unusual for them to investigate you if they are serious about the invitation. I thibk it best to be alert to the possibilities, some of which I suggested, but I think it also wise to consider they are serious. I'd certainly accept it if they make the offer. And, as legal investigators, whatever that is, they may be not well known to the regular private eyes. I suggest that as soon as you are well and your shxool work (which should come first) permits, you meet with him and play him straight, assuming his good faith and good intentions. Before we get Bud, who is busy with his book, to spend time on this, let us await developments there. I think this is probably a real organization. There is no Donald Gisevius in the N.O. phone book (12/67), but the firm is, at the address given. My hunch is that these are company employees. What specialties in law, I could only guess. Like damage specialists, etc. Be open-eyed, not paranoid, about it. And I suggest that you may hear from more people you'd not expect to through WCCO merely because it is the best-known station in the area, if not also the olderst. Take care health and school,